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Revolt

Now cease your mighty disputations—
Of God and man—your philosophic lore.
I cannot feed on barren cogitations.
And I am stifled. Trouble me no more,
That I may find an exit from this dreary,
Musty place; for I am weary, weary
Of your fine and futile prattle. Leave me!
I seek for God, and I shall find him soon.
He would not hide himself, nor grieve me.
He calls me by the light of sun and moon
And stars. The forests hail me, and the hills,
And there God beckons me—where summer spills
The wine of beauty. Open wide the door,
And I shall find God waiting, as of yore.

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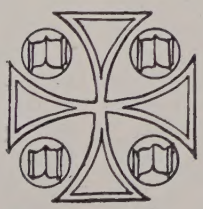
MEDITATION

"We would begin our meditation by an expression of good will and love toward all mankind. We would express that good will to the people of every color, we would express it to the people of every race and of every creed. We would keep alive, ever bright and brilliant upon the altar of our love, all these who are brethren of ours in the great human family, and might that love not merely be expressed by our words but much more effectively by our deeds. Help us that we shall improve every opportunity to advance the understanding, the comradeship, co-operation and love. May the spirit of this service, wherever it goes, vibrate with that reality to all who are ill, all who are confused, all who are deep in remorse, all who are disillusioned, all who feel that they have stumbled and lost the way, wherever these words might be touching human hearts in these conditions, might there go the spirit of love and the spirit of peace.

Might we use this moment for one of dedication, might we rededicate, all we have and all that we are, to a finer perfection of life. May yesterdays be dead while today becomes the foundation for the tomorrow of life. So may our hearts be cleansed, our minds be awakened, our impulses deepened that as the years come and go we might add something to the sum total of human happiness. All this we think about and meditate in the light of that inspiration which comes to us all through the centuries which knows neither an old year, or a new year, but always the timelessness of his great heart.



"BEGINNING AGAIN"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago. Recently Delivered and Stenographically Reported

"I always plan to use this Sunday as an opportunity for a re-emphasizing of thoughts and our attention upon the inspirations of life. There is certainly a danger of developing a deadly monotony that is highly destructive to all buoyancy. Life becomes such an affair of intense regularity that the enthusiasms are dampened and the ideals become obscure and foggy. It is well, I think, particularly at the beginning of the New Year to go over again and again some of these influences and forces which are so vitally necessary to the propulsion of life in terms of its enthusiasms and a renewal of its interests. Therefore, on this day, I have chosen a theme which is consonant with the opportunity of the occasion. Most of us come at frequent intervals to the feeling and the thought that life has become pretty largely a sort of predigested affair, that we have struck a certain gait and that we have found our stride and there is no possibility by which we can deepen or intensify the experience of giving it an interest and an enthusiasm which we might have had in some previous moments of life. That is almost a fatal position for one to get into. It is one which is decidedly detrimental to a finer and a more complete expression of life itself.

What I have in mind this morning I have planned primarily for those individuals who have had a sense of defeat, who have developed an attitude of frustration, or who feel that even life with all its infinite varieties is becoming somewhat of a commonplace existence. Anything which is so spaciously manifested and so eternally vibrant as the experience of living never ought to become trite or a world worn affair, not that there is any particular achievement in the eternally new, not that there is much that would be classified as eternally new, but a constant readaptation and a constant readjustment of all of these experiences and relationships of life makes, it seems to me, a real opportunity which I believe it to be.

There comes a time in every person's life when they feel the need of new inspirations. There comes a time when even those relationships which are the very closest might cause you to feel that the influence has become somewhat distorted. The environment is somewhat derogatory and that there comes the necessity for recreating and recapturing again some of those relationships which were so important and so vital in other moments of life. Certainly, if you believe as I believe, and accept as I accept, the idea that life has design and that it has direction and purpose, that something as significant and as important as being alive certainly has the constituency of a reality which is eternal, then, of course, it is necessary for us at every opportunity and on every occasion to do the best we can to increase those inspirations and to deepen those values. There are people who come to what I think is one of the most sad positions in which one can ever find themselves. That is when they come to the point of feeling so utterly low and despondent in their own life formation as to believe and accept the idea that there is no other chance for them, that life

is rapidly drawing to a close on the basis of opportunity, that there is nothing which can be thought of as possessing sufficient recreative and inspirational qualities that would readjust and realign their entire interests and the things which command their loyalties. There are people so stricken so smitten with the sense of guilt that that guilt itself constitutes a great preventive toward recovery and redemption. There are those who feel that they have sinned an unpardonable sin, something which I believe does not exist, that they have so violated the laws of life that there can be no recovery, no redemption and no change. There are those who feel that they have so prostituted their previous opportunities to make life something deeply significant, that there could be no future at all that would anywhere approximate their ideals for life.

All these are attitudes which are fundamentally and basically wrong because they are fundamentally and basically untrue. I believe that it is possible for any individual, no matter how extensive has been their defeat, no matter how complete has been the bankruptcy of their lives, but what they can find the processes of reconstruction and of recapturing the technique of recreation. I do not believe at all in that fatalism of destruction, or that any act of life is final. I do not accept the philosophy of finality in any particular, quite the contrary, I am somewhat anchored to a philosophy of reality and the laws of relativity .Nothing which we do is ever final, no act is ever final, no word is ever final, no achievement is ever final. An old year may close and possess a sense of finality and a degree of completion, but in a larger sense it is only a blending of that continuity which is timeless. The demarcations which are established along the way are only convenient demarcations upon which we can begin again this adventure of life, accumulating all that has passed and utilizing it as an inspiration and for a fortification for all which is to come. Therefore, if we can state this ideal somewhat dogmatically, that no one can possibly sin away the day of grace, that nothing which it is possible for us to do or think can permanently alienate us from the inspirations of excellency, if, after all, there is a persistency and a definite gravitation toward the excellent that will not be thwarted nor denied by any experience of life, does not that in itself constitute an anchorage upon which to build again? I think it does. I think that the mere fact that there is something in my heart and something in yours, something in my mind and something in yours, that had not completely let go, that even in the grossest manifestations of life in the deepest failures of life when we might feel that the hinge had been drawn about us and there was nothing but darkness, limitations and defeat, something does not quite let go! There are moments, intermittent flashes of a condition that does not quite surrender! That, to me, is in itself what our legal friends might term 'prima facia' evidence that requires not the testimony of experience, it does not even require many of the affirmations that are so necessary to the realization of much of the other truths that, to me, exist in every human heart, that a complete and final demoralization is utterly inadequate and utterly impossible.

Now, of course, this whole idea will appeal much more to those of us who have experienced life in terms of a certain maturity than it does to those to whom life is still a buoyant thing of youth. Those of us who have remembrances of the yesterdays of life, something, of course, that youth does not possess for youth is always thinking of the tomorrow and never of the yesterdays. But some of us who have lived enough of life so that there are yester-

days in our lives and who feel that the distance between the now and the completion of life is much less than the distance between now and the yesterdays of life, and because we feel that, recognize the need of increasing the tempo in order that life might be deepened and spiritually beautified in these last years which are left for the expression of life. There is a certain sweetness which we do not want to miss, there is a certain beauty which we do not want to miss, there is a certain exultation and exhilaration of life which must not wither with the passing of the years. If that is not to happen and we are to think of life enthusiastically and we are to become dynamic, vital and buoyant with life so that we can evidence an enthusiasm for life which will become contagious on the part of those who are being devitalized instead of vitalized with life, then there are some things that I feel are essential to consider and think about. There are those who feel that there is no other chance for them and this is largely inspired because habits are so deep seated. I think that one of the greatest obstacles to a real reformation of the human life is unquestionably found in the habits which have become so binding upon us that to break them seems almost an impossibility.

Well, it is essential at first, of course, to have a clear picture of what these habits are and what they are doing to us. If we have come to that period of life where we feel that there is no beginning again for us and we are so set in the moulds of life and the patterns has been so fixed by a law of fixation which we cannot deny, if we feel that we cannot break that pattern and cannot destroy that mould, why, of course, we have entered the first wedge that prevents our entering the land of beginning again. Yet it is necessary that we see clearly what these habits are. You know yours better than anyone else, and I know mine. It does not take a very long or careful introspection. We are creatures of habits and these habits do become increasingly powerful. Habits are first cobwebs, and then cables of cobwebs and they possess the strength and power of cables of steel and they can be broken. Therefore my first suggestion to you who may be despondent and feel that life has lost its charm and has become so commonplace an experience is a readjustment of some of your own habits. What are some of these habits that are preventing the finest expression of the spirit of life? Are they a tendency to envy? Always self-destructive. Are they a tendency to constantly compare until comparison creates jealousy? Always self- destructive. Are they a tendency of thinking that others are more fortunate than yourself? Always self-destructive. It is a negative aspect towards life? Always self-destructive. It is a tendency towards a negative personality? The negative personality is always building for themselves higher and higher barriers in which to overcome the defects of life and their own defeats and their own frustrations. Turn yourself from a negative person into a postitive person and you have entered the first opportunity for the smashing of the habits which bind and enslaves your soul and body, for the positive is always creative and constructive an dthe affirmation is always inspired. The individual who develops a negative attitude towards life and people, a supercritical attitude towards everything, a constant inclination to compare, a constant self-introspection only on the terms of their unfortunate relationships to life rather than discover the fortunate qualities, this creates a negative personality and the creation of that personality will finally express itself. In the interpretation of a fineness of life is one law which none of us can understand or master too deeply or too thorough-

ly. Therefore let us recognize a fundamental proposition, and that is this, how do we form habits? We form habits only by constant repetition. No matter what the habit is, when it becomes a habit it has come from repetitions. Therefore when we are thinking of an idea or the philosophy of habit-forming in relation to the better expression of life, let us remember that it will require a critical act, an intelligent act of our own understanding, and then a persistency of the will that will recreate other habits-patterns. We must begin other habit-patterns, it is not enough to merely destroy by any process habits already acquired, it must be that we shall acquire other habit-patterns. That means that we must completely eliminate those patterns which we formed and create other habit-patterns.

Is it possible, as we stand on this new year and as you analyse the year that has past and you think of today, 1937, as the first few days of 1936. What were your dreams that first week in 1936 for yourself at the close of the year? Well, the year has closed, it is now 1937, what have you accomplished during those twelve months between 1936 and 1937? Think for a moment of what the year has produced in you—are you nearer a realization of those ideals that motivated you in the first hours of 1936? Or did you find it impossible to break the old habits, did you find the lure so strong and your strength of character so weak that you did not possess the ability and the energy, spirit and courage to make your adjustments that you knew necessary? You have had an accumulation of a year's experience now, and we have another opportunity, another chance, and no matter how we might have failed to even approximate our hopes and our dreams for ourselves, let us remember that it is possible, thoroughly so, for you to smash the old patterns. It will be hard for a while. Of course, it will be, it will be difficult, it will not be easy, it will be a conflict, it will take the three primary essentials of sincerity—you must be honest about it; there must be an integrity in your effort which will lend psychological power to the effort itself; there must be a genuineness; there must be a deep seated desire; there must be a devotion to the sacrifice of sincerity, and then again there must be associated with that sincerity the courage to face whatever it will cost in the estimation of your friends. You will have to stand very frequently the condemnation of those with whom you refuse to be participants of that which destroyed in the past. It will take courage to do this thing! It is no easy thing which I am suggesting this morning! You will have to stand up against the judgments of many of your friends who will make it very strange and unusual for you to take that attitude towards life! You will have to suffer the pangs of criticism and of misunderstanding. Of course, you will when you smash a habit-pattern. You must adjust yourself to new relationships and these relationships will not be easy. Therefore it will take courage, but courage is one of the fundamental requisites of all fine living. You must not stop in the presence of society, or the public, or your friends, or anybody, and ask yourself the question: 'What will they say about it?' Of course, they will misunderstand you! Of course, they will criticise you! Of course, their attitude will be unusual and strange to you, but you must face it if you mean business in beginning life again. You must make up your mind at once that you will have to face that!

Wendell Phillips was the pampered son of wealth in Boston society, with every advantage in the world in front of him, of security, social and financial, and this pampered son of Harvard, brilliant,

socially secure, financially powerful, standing one day at the window of his Boston home saw a mob of people dragging through the streets of Boston William Lloyd Garrison. When he inquired why that man was being so treated he was told that it was because he was opposed to slavery. Wendell Phillips seeing that sort of thing surrendered his social position, surrendered his money, left his security and went down the streets of Boston to Faneuil Hall before a Boston mob, this brilliant thinker and powerful orator raised his voice in behalf of an unpopular cause and on behalf of a race being treated badly by another. It cost Wendell Phillips his position in Boston, it cost him his financial security, but it did not cost him his soul, he found that and he became the inspired genius for much of the thought and attitude of Abraham Lincoln! He found his soul!

Well, if you are going to adjust life and readjust life in terms of its deepest significance, you too will find that it will cost something, but if you are in earnest about it, if you are sincere about it, and if you have the courage about it to garner with the third aspect, the patience that goes with courage and with sincerity, then I can see for you in the years ahead a better and a more beautiful life. Yes, you can smash the habit-patterns that brought despair, that brought defeat! You can smash the habit-patterns that brought ill health, you can smash the habit-patterns that brought despondency and despair! You can smash these patterns, but the only way you can smash them is by substituting for them better patterns, finer patterns, more beautiful patterns! Do not think that you can compromise with the old and recreate the new! You cannot! And do not think because you may be in the maturity of life, that because youth might have fled and all the enthusiasms of youth, that there can be no recreation for you! That is untrue too. Do you know one of the most untrue of the common epithets or platitudes that are frequently bantered about by people? 'You cannot teach an old dog new tricks.' That is not true at all. I have known dogs and owned dogs all of my life. I do today, and that is not true. Not only is it not true about dogs, but it is much more not true, if there is such a comparison, with human beings. Doctor Van Dyke of New York quite recently had a very interesting test. He took 500 people put them into three groups of the age of 20, 30 and 40 years gave them a series of simple tests in adult education and in habit forming, and strange as it may seem to you, those who were in the classification of the 40, learned more quickly, responded more quickly than the classification of 20 or 30. This test brought out the idea that merely because one has become mature that we think of life as being dead and that after 40 there is a slowing of the processes of life, which necessarily means that there is no chance, all this is not true, it is untrue. There are potentialities, latent energies, hidden capacities, latent powers in every individual life which never are completely exhausted, and which never thoroughly reveal themselves. Therefcre, a man at seventy, eighty or ninety, can discover the latent powers which he possesses, and he does in proportion to life. No individual without them, youth or age! Every individual possesses certain latent powers, and it is the recognition ,the discovery, the mining out, the digging out of what those latent powers are that bring the transformation of life. Every individual has energy that they never dreamed they possessed! Every individual has resources that they did not know they possessed! I visited our dear friend, Mr. James Heckman, who is at the Edgewater Hospital a victim of the Elevated wreck, a member of this church, an elderly man with a broken and

bruised body, ears bruised, legs broken, a mutilated body. I sat by his bedside and I said: 'Isn't it remarkable what powers we possess that we did not know we possessed at all?' He said: 'I have found resources in my body and in my spirit that at 71, with this awful thing happening to me, I did not believe possibly existed!' Why! every emergency in life brings out those resources! Every illness develops, every crisis reveals them! Each one of you who have lived through a crisis knows that each crisis reveals a potentiality you had no idea you possessed!

Why wait and not draw upon this potentiality until some crisis has superinduced it? Why not not draw upon it now?

Why not remember that it is really a new year, and that means new habits, and new habits mean new character, and a new character means greater happiness and more consummate living. Why, I think the trouble with so many of us is that we become so cursed and obsessed and dominated and dictated to by habits that the real resources and potentiality of our lives never have a chance at all. We become victims of such an eternal sameness and a devastating monotony that life in terms of freshness and crispness never get a chance to express themselves.

So, my message to you on this Sunday of the new year is to develop a new set of habit-patterns. I am going to try it and I hope you will try it. Remember that nothing is fatal, and remember that nothing is final. Remember that what you were yesterday does not predicate with any infallible predestination what you are today; that you can break with yesterday as definitely as the years breaks in the setting of the calendar, that it does not belong to you, you need not claim it, it is not yours if it is bad, if it is full of despair, if it has been flooded with unkindness, if you have been cruel. If these things are there, then remember the words of the Master who understood it, understood it thoroughly, and I know of no finer statement for the beginning of the new year than 'Let the dead bury their dead.' That was his treatment of it which is another way of saying 'Let the past bury its past.' That's the new version of that ancient scripture—'Let the dead bury their dead.' That was what Jesus meant when he said that you should not be tyrannized by that past but that we can build new habit-patterns and in the construction of these patterns find life more beautiful and more wonderful as we approach these years.

Don't you see the time is getting short, that's the thing which I look at. After all every year is a year less and time is getting short, we have not much time. Every year that I permit myself to fall below the standards which I set for myself at the beginning of the year is just one year less of opportunity. I must be in a hurry about this business if I am to accomplish the ideals of my life. I must not permit the destructive forces to become realities in my experience, and neither must you! After all, time is precious and to waste it is sin, every hour is necessary, I must hurry, there is so much to be done, so many books to read, so much beautiful music to hear, so many friends to love, so many sunsets to see, so many poems to sing, so many hearts, so much of life that is good that I must not let or ever permit that which is bad and destructive to be powerful! I must hurry for life draws to its close and on that final curtain and the drama is through, I want it to end not in the tragedies of the Hamlets, not in pools of blood scattered over the world, I want it to end in a fanfare of trumpets, victory! I want to end with triumph, with shoulders straight and body firm, eyes wide open looking into the unknown, heart throbbing with love! I want life to be victory, and the best of it all is that it can be."

Dr. Preston Bradley

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CHURCH NOTES

The entire congregation unite in sympathetic expression to the capable president of our Woman's Club.—Mrs. Fred W. Pape in the loss she has so recently known—the passing of her mother.

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The president of our Board—W. H. Hermsdorf and Mrs. Hermsdorf, with Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Beck returned from a prolonged eastern tour in time for the closing Sunday. Dr. Beck, a nationally known authority in his field of eye, ear, nose and throat, read a paper before the medical congress held at Atlantic City.

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Mrs. Georgia Bell, chairman of International Relations of the Woman's Club, has returned from a winter of study and observation in Washington, D. C., and has resumed her activities of lecturing and broadcasting on international affairs. Last year she visited Geneva and the European capitals.

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Mrs. M. B. Hinton, wife of the president of our Men's Club, has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to leave the hospital for a period of convalescence in her home. She has been greatly missed from her club and church activities but hopes by fall to be back at her accustomed place.

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Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, vice president of the Board, former president of the Woman's Club and Past President of the 9th district Federation of Women's Clubs, will spend a restful summer on the beautiful farm home of her sister in Iowa.

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The usher's Club composed of about 50 men on the ushering staff will hold several summer events. The men who compose this club are a very loyal and efficient group and have one of the most difficult tasks in the entire church.

It is hoped that radio friends and other visitors to Chicago will find it possible to pay the church a call during their Chicago visit. The church is open during business hours each week-day and our friends Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will welcome gladly any who wish to see the church.

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The church school closed a very successful season on the closing Sunday of church. Awards were presented for scholarship and attendance. Superintendent Denicke and Dr. Bradley made addresses. Our school has classes for all ages and a very efficient faculty. Sessions will be resumed on the opening Sunday of church, September 19th.

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The church has no more loyal members than Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Port who live in Wilton Junction, Iowa. While they are radio listeners they attend services in person at least twice a year and are seat holders. They drove in from Iowa for the closing Sunday and were greeted by their many friends in the church.

DR. BRADLEY'S BOOKS

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Bradley Bobbs-Merrill, Publishers of Indianapolis and New York published the last volume written by Dr. Bradley entitled "Power From Right Thinking." This book is dedicated to the congregation of the church and makes a lasting memento of the anniversary. The book may be purchased in any of the better book stores, and department store book sections in this country. If you are not near a book store orders may be sent direct to the publisher at Indianapolis.

The two former books: "Courage For Today" and "Mastering Fear" are also available. The price is $1.50 per volume. These three books contain the philosophy of our pastor which in the spoken word have inspired and

helped so many people. They occupy a place all their own in inspirational contemporary literature.

DR. BRADLEY'S SUMMER PLANS

Dr. Bradley will sail from New York on the United States Lines ship the "Washington" at noon on Wednesday, July 28th. He will disembark at Plymouth, England and go directly to Oxford University where he will attend the International Congress on Liberal Religion which will be in session from August 3rd to the 8th. He will then attend the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford and go direct to London where he will preach in All Saints Church. From London he will go to Paris and visit the Paris Exposition hoping that by that time it will be possible for him to visit Spain. If the Spanish trip is impossible he will return to Belfast, Ireland, where he has a tentative preaching engagement. He will visit Dublin and other Irish points of interest. The itinerary is rather incomplete as most arrangements can only be definitely made on the other side. Mail addressed to him at Essex Hall, Essex St., Strand, W .C. I. London, England care of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association will always reach him. He plans a trip of study, observation and lecturing the benefit of which he plans to pass on to the church on his return in the fall.

THE LIBERALIST

Every month for the past 14 years we have published this little magazine. Each issue has contained a sermon as delivered from our pulpit and stenographically reported. Dr. Bradley uses no sermon notes and these published sermons are the only record of his message. Other articles by him and Mrs. Bradley appear as time permits. Altogether the magazine is well worth the one dollar a year for which it is mailed to any address anywhere. The cost of mailing is deducted from the annual subscription and the small balance goes directly into the church treasury to assist in the work of liberal religion. The advertisers make the magazine possible and we hope every subscriber will mention the appreciation whenever the opportunity is afforded. If you are already a subscriber why not subscribe for an out of town friend?

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CHURCH SEATS

There are many of our regular members and attendants who desire the same seat at the morning services. The Board of Trustees set aside 500 seats which are available at the small cost of $10.00 for the church year. Now is the time to make your reservation at the church office for next season. The fee is payable at your convenience. The principal thing is to get your reservation in early to be assured of the seat you prefer. The seats are held until five minutes before the Choir Processional which on many Sunday mornings prevents the necessity of arriving early for choice locations. Kindly unite the church office or phone Longbeach 6878 and reservations will be made.

SUMMER OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

The church has many necessary expenses which must be met every month in the year. During

the summer recess the revenue is much less because of no public services. Wouldn't it be a fine act if you would occasionally find a spare dollar and send it to the church during the summer? All summer contributions are deeply appreciated. Those who have made an anniversary pledge are reminded of their gracious act and are asked to meet the pledge when due if at all possible as the church has made its summer finance plans on the strength of your pledge. If just a slight fraction of what is spent on vacation or pleasure would find its way to the church office there would be no anxiety. Please remember your church this summer. It will try and always be an inspiration and help. But it must not be forgotten when the sun shines. So why not as you finish reading these lines send an appreciation offering to the church. Your own vacation will be happier.

PASTOR'S CALENDAR

Preston Bradley kept the following engagements during the month of June:

1—Address, Dayton, Ohio
2—Address, Watervliet, Mich.
3—Address, Teacher's College, MaComb, Illinois
3—Address, Alumni Association
4—Address, Edgerton, Wis.
6—Sermon, Peoples Church
7—Linden ,Mich.
8—Address, Logansport, Ind.
9—Address, South Bend, Ind.
11—Address, Aurora, Ill.
13—Sermon, Peoples Church
13—Sermon, Park Ridge, Ill.
13—Left Chicago for Summer
19—Address, Bemidji, Minn.

WEDDINGS

5. Nicholas C. Schommer, Edna L. Anderson
5. George S. Strand, Dorothy L. Kelsey
5. John W. McAlpine, Clara Kungel
5. Arthur H. Jacobi, Christine Bares
5. Edward A. Reder, Martha L. Schumann
6. Joseph Cantalupi, Margaret Will
12. George R. Brownlee, Mary McCain
12. Delno D. Shambaugh, Irene Sampson
12. Harry F. Radloff, Marloe Ede
12. Frank S. Salchenberger, Dorothy B. Hutchins
12. Carl W. Lostrom, Ruth C. Pfaff
12. Everett F. Walther, India N. Clark
26. Ruthanne Lindquist, Clyde Bassler

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR

It is not too soon to annouce that the annual church bazaar under the auspices of the Woman's Club will be held early in December. Will you keep this in mind during the summer, on your vacation trips? In intersting shops perhaps you will find some article you will like to give next fall to the bazaar. Or for pick-up work at home on your porch plan to make something that will sell at the peoples church bazaar!

Remember too that there is always a pantry booth where jellies and jams and pickles are most desirable.

The radio audience has each year co-operated loyally with the church members in making the bazaar a success, and their help is deeply appreciated.

Dr. Bradley, the Board of Trustees and the Woman's Club cordially invite the radio audience and the members and friends of the church to take part in making the 1937 bazaar of The Peoples Church a notable one!

WOMAN'S CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last year the birthday party was dropped from the calendar of the Woman's Club year book, and so many members expressed regret regarding it that this sea-

son the birthday was resumed. A change was made this year in table arrangements which worked out happily. Instead of having a table for each month in the year the tables were grouped into the four seasons—and trimmed accordingly. The Winter table held a beautifully made little church—lighted from within—there was a path of cotton snow edged with evergreens the full length of the table leading to the church at one end from a large snowball at the other.—Spring was represented in spring flowers and sprigs of "pussy willow" and yellow candles. The Summer table held a long center piece of roses, sweet peas anl giant phlox, tall green candles, and at each place a frosted cup-cake with a tiny birthday candle in each one. The Fall table was scattered with colorful autumn leaves, and the center piece was fruit and nuts, the candles were orange color.

Dr. Bradley attended the luncheon but was obliged to leave immediately afterwards for an afternoon engagement.

Miss Thomason was asked to read her poem which took a 9th District prize in the poetry contest. Mrs. Bradley read a poem of Summer Days—and a few speeches were made from each table. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge with a birthday book as favor for each table. It was a very enjoyable day and everyone wished everyone else a Happy Birthday!

YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB

The Young Peoples Club is planning several events to be held during the summer which will interest every member. Hikes, picnics, lake trips, shore-dinners and other recreational activities are being arranged.

A large delegation was present for the Young Peoples Religious Union of the Chicago area which had very inspirational and educational conferences in the Dunes State Park.

The week after church closed a most enjoyable out of door meeting and picnic was held under the direction of Mr. Munroe. This affair was planned after similar events held in Argentina, S. A., where Mr. Munroe lived for many years.

Young people interested in the club may contact the church office for the summer schedules.

WEDDINGS

June

19. Clarence C. Olson, Mrs. Rose R. Summerfelt

22. Jerome P. Magee, Miss Marie Knapp

27. Arthur T. Johnson, Miss Jeanette Reinhardt

27. John C. Mickelsen, Christina M. Adildrose

FUNERALS

June

21. Mrs. Emil S. Fischer, Rosehill

22. Mrs. Anna M. Arms, Graceland

Weddings and funerals, Rev. Henry Clark, assistant pastor officiating.

CHILDREN'S DEDICATION SERVICE

The following children were dedicated at the closing service of the church for the summer:

Andrea Sandra Peacock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peacock.

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So, counting in your amusements, your clubs, your vacations and expenditures for luxuries it is not stretching the point to say that what you give to the church is but a drop in the bucket of your expenditures on yourself. If the church needs an extra financial life, you could probably meet your share of it without embarrassment or sacrifice.

What do you think of people able to give to the church but who never give, yet who demand the services of the church in time of trouble or for the education of their children? Isn't it likely they have never thought the matter through, and do not see themselves as accepting charity, the charity of their church-supporting neighbors?

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